

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

October 9, 2018

11:30am

Commissioners Present: Horace Daniel, Doug Watkins, Edward Burten, Melton Jones, Frank Simmons

Prayer

Pledge

Call to Order

Approval of Past Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion to approve those minutes passed with a show of hands.

Bills

- A motion was required to approve the bills for the past month as follows:
 - Administrative & Other \$167,911.07
 - Road Department \$80,099.56
 - Sheriff Dept. & Jail \$35,824.50
 - Courthouse \$66,379.38
 - EMA \$499.75
 - E-911 \$6,419.87
 - Landfill \$56,843.97

A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the bill for the past month, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

Road Department Update

- The Roads Superintendent gave an update on the activities of the road department. He stated that mowing crews are in the Deepstep area mowing rights-of-way. He stated that the resurfacing projects are underway, beginning at Heards Bridge Road, which should be completed by the end of this week. Hazard Road will be resurfaced subsequently. The striping bids will be opened on October 16 at 10:00am, and voted on at either a called meeting or the regular meeting in November. The final item he addressed was preparations for Hurricane Michael, which is expected to arrive late Wednesday into Thursday.

Appointments – None

Old Business – None

New Business

- Contract – Deen's LLC
 - The County Administrator explained that one of the County's largest companies has filed appeals on nearly all of its accounts, which amounts to nearly \$70 million of appraised value, claiming that the buildings and equipment they possess are only worth 20% to 30% of

the current appraised value. The Chief Tax Appraiser recommended to the County Administrator that the County should contract with a company that specializes in valuing and defending proper values in this industrial field. Deen's LLC is one the top firms available in Georgia to assist and has extensive experience with such issues. The contract would be in the amount of \$16,000 and address the issues presented by the specific appeals. The Chief Tax Appraiser commented that if the company was to be given the values they are requesting, it would reduce the County's property tax revenue by approximately \$800,000.

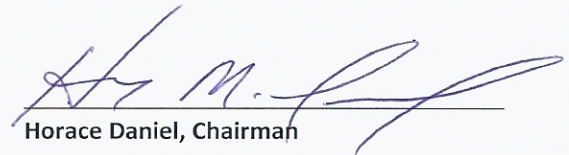
- A motion was made by Commissioner Simmons to approve the contract with Deen's LLC, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion was passed unanimously.

Contract Ratification – None

Chairman Comments

Meeting Adjourned

Public Comment Session



Horace Daniel, Chairman

Attest:



Dustin Peebles, County Administrator/Clerk